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Saw President Alessandri at 17:30 EST. Followed instructions. Discussed letter, speech, crucial importance of support in

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OAS and UN. desirability of military conversations. Said American people regarded this as gravest crisis of century and its attitude toward other nations would be long determined by support or lack of it now.

Alessandri assured us of his personal support in strong and warm terms. Thought Cabinet, including four radical Ministers, all basically pro-American. But anticipated trouble from anti-American wing of radical party and also from Christian Democrats in Congress. Said he would call in party leaders at the and discuss with them. Thought much would depend on nature and wording of resolutions.

We do not yet have texts of resolutions for OAS or UN but will transmit them to Foreign Minister as soon as received.

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